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Also enclosed is a Foreign Search Report issued on March 31, 2004 for a foreign counterpart of the present patent application, in which the presently disclosed references were cited. Since a translation of the Search Report is also enclosed, it is believed that the applicants in the above-identified patent application have now met the "concise explanation" requirement of 35 C.F.R. 1.98.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after a First Action, but prior to a Notice of Allowance or Final Rejection. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), it is certified that the none of the presently disclosed documents were known to the applicant or any party representing the applicant, or were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the date of submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no additional fee is required for consideration of these documents. However, in the event that additional fees are due for consideration of these documents, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to deposit Account No. 50-0521.

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